

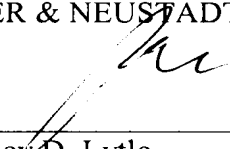
REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is requested.

The only issue remaining is the acceptance by the U.S.P.T.O. of the Supplemental Reissue Declaration (on PTO/SB/51), which is missing the signature of inventor Iwamura. Filed herewith is a Petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.183 to waive the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.64, as Mr. Iwamura cannot be found, as indicated in the Petition and supporting evidence for the Petition. It is respectfully submitted that once this Petition is granted and the Declaration is deemed acceptable, all remaining issues in the present application will have been completed, and the present reissue application will be in condition for formal allowance. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner coordinate with the Petitions Branch prior to acting on the present Request for Reconsideration. If the Examiner has any questions or comments, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned in an effort to obtain a speedy conclusion to the present prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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